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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU APPROVES THE AMENDED COMPLIANCE PLAN OF TERRACOM

WC Docket No. 11-42

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves, subject to the Bureau's approval of TerraCom, Inc.'s (TerraCom) domestic section 214 transfer of control application,¹ the amended compliance plan² of TerraCom filed pursuant to the *2014 Public Notice Regarding Transfers*³ and the *2012 Lifeline Reform Order*,⁴ as a condition of TerraCom continuing to provide Lifeline service under new ownership.

TerraCom has been designated as an ETC in 14 states,⁵ and it had its compliance plan approved by the Bureau in 2012.⁶ In its amended compliance plan TerraCom states that Global Reconnect, Inc. (GRI) will become the "new majority investor in TerraCom."⁷ In the *2014 Public Notice Regarding Transfers*, the Bureau reiterated that "any material changes in ownership or control require modification of the compliance plan that must be approved by the Bureau in advance of the changes."⁸ This acquisition of TerraCom constitutes a "material change[] in ownership or control" which requires Bureau approval of an amended compliance plan. TerraCom emphasizes that, despite the change in ownership, TerraCom's management structure will remain the same, and "TerraCom customers will continue to receive their existing services at the same rates, terms, and conditions currently in effect."⁹ The Bureau has reviewed TerraCom's compliance plan for conformance with the *2014 Public Notice Regarding Transfers* and the *2012 Lifeline Reform Order*, and now approves the amended compliance plan.

Filings, including the above-discussed compliance plan, and comments, are available for public

¹ *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of TerraCom, Inc. to Global Reconnect, Inc.*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 9525 (WCB Aug. 24, 2016).

² See Fourth Revised Compliance Plan of TerraCom, Inc., WC Docket No. 09-197, 11-42 (filed Oct. 3, 2016) (TerraCom Compliance Plan).

³ *Wireline Competition Bureau Reminds Carriers of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation & Compliance Plan Approval Requirements for Receipt of Fed. Lifeline Universal Serv. Support*, 29 FCC Rcd 9144 (WCB 2014) (*2014 Public Notice Regarding Transfers*).

⁴ *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al*, 27 FCC Rcd 6656 (2012) (*2012 Lifeline Reform Order*).

⁵ TerraCom Compliance Plan at 3.

⁶ See *Wireline Competition Bureau Approves The Compliance Plans of American Broadband & Telecommunications, Budget Prepay, Consumer Cellular, Global Connection, Terracom and Total Call*, Public Notice, 27 FCC Rcd 5776 (WCB 2012).

⁷ TerraCom Compliance Plan at iii.

⁸ *2014 Public Notice Regarding Transfers*, 29 FCC Rcd at 9145.

⁹ TerraCom Compliance Plan at 28.

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